

NEBRASKA NEWS.

During the "bombardment of Fort Matanzas" at Syracuse, Tom Duron had his thumb and two fore-fingers on his right hand badly lacerated by a small firecracker.

Perry Black, an 18-year-old son of J. P. Black, living eight miles north of North Bend, met with a serious accident. While riding his wheel down a steep hill the wheel struck some object in the road and threw him. He ruptured a blood vessel, which resulted in his death.

Mr. I. A. Baker of York, who has a son with the First Nebraska, has succeeded in getting the War department to issue an order that in case of the death of any of Nebraska's soldier boys on board ship while coming home they will not be buried at sea, but their bodies embalmed and taken to their homes.

A. C. Yocum of Trenton is the champion grasshopper catcher of that part of the county. He has caught thirty bushels of 149 acres of wheat and is still running the catcher, which throws the hoppers into a vat of kerosene. A great many of these machines are now being run in that section. Poison is also being freely used. Both drugists have exhausted their supply and ordered more.

The Blair school board has recently bought one-fourth of a block of land which joins the grounds of the Central High school building. The alley will be vacated and on this site will be erected the new \$30,000 school building for which the contracts will be let on July 15. On this piece of ground were two residences, which were bought and will be repaired at a cost of about \$500 each.

The eleventh annual assembly of the Beatrice Chautauqua closed in a blaze of glory. Despite the disappointment of Shafter's failure to fill his engagement the attendance was fully 10,000 and a varied program full of old-fashioned Fourth of July fun appeared to please the crowds. A fine oration was delivered by Dr. Fletcher L. Whorton of Lincoln in the afternoon, which was followed by one of the most successful balloon ascensions ever made in the state.

The recent school census of Hastings shows that there is an increase of over 300 children of school age in this city over that of last year. At the close of Hastings' public schools every school and every room was crowded, besides extra rooms were secured in the business portion of the city and converted into public schools. It is almost certain that the great increase of children of school age in that city will call for the erection of another large school building before long.

By the looks of things Osceola will be out of an open saloon for this year, though at the spring election the matter of licensing saloons was submitted to a vote and there was a majority in favor of license and a board elected favorable to carrying out the wish of the voters. A saloon petition was filed with the board and a remonstrance also. The board heard the case and the remonstrators won, for it was discovered there was no ordinance that would permit of granting a license.

The mayor and council of Pawnee City have the thanks of every taxpayer in the matter of the refunding of the water bonds of \$27,000, drawing 6 per cent interest. They have been refunded for 4 per cent bonds and were sold to the First National bank of that place for \$27,025, being a premium of \$35. This saves to the city annually \$540 in interest. The new bonds are serial and optional, \$1,000 each, after one, two, three and four years, \$8,000 after five years and \$15,000 after ten years, the last \$23,000 maturing in twenty years.

Table Rock dispatch: Captain R. P. Jennings of this place, who was a captain in the confederate service during the late civil war and who was one of the first to raise a company of cavalry a year ago, is again striving to get a commission for active service, in which he is being aided by his numerous friends in this vicinity. He will take anything in the fighting line from a captain up, and is a fine specimen of robust health and physical soundness. He was captain in the confederate service before he was eighteen years of age, having enlisted as a private fifteen days before his sixteenth birthday. His many friends here are trying to aid him.

The worst hail and windstorm ever known passed over this part of the country this afternoon, says an Ainsworth dispatch. Hailstones measuring ten inches around fell, piling up two and three feet deep in places, breaking every window glass and smashing on the north and east sides of buildings. The largest plate glass, measuring 8x10 feet and a quarter inch thick, were demolished. Limbs two inches thick were stripped from trees. Hailstones went through many roofs, destroying the contents within. Tin roofs were blown off and carried many rods away. Shingle roofs were completely demolished. Hogs, cattle and horses have been killed and many of those not killed have their eyes knocked out. All kinds of crops are beaten into the ground and completely destroyed where the hail fell.

Conrad Schurber of Hartington, while in a partially intoxicated condition, was knocked down and run over by a team of horses hitched to a load of wheat. He was trampled upon by the horses and the wagon passed over his body, breaking several ribs and inflicting internal injuries.

The long protracted litigation between Keith county and Perkins county was brought to a happy termination by Perkins county agreeing to pay Keith county the sum of \$3,555 in cash. This litigation arose out of the settlement between the two counties at the time Perkins county was formed in 1887.

MATTERS OF NEBRASKA

Events Chronoled of Greater or Lesser Importance.

THE OUTLOOK REGARDING CROPS

Gov. Foynter Exercises His Privilege and Pardons Two Convicts on Independence Day—The Fortunate Prisoners—Miscellaneous Matters From the Capital and Other Portions of the State

Weather Crop Bulletin.

The past week, says the weather crop bulletin, has been wet, with temperature about normal. The average daily temperature departure has been less than 1 degree in most parts of the state. The maximum temperatures of the week were generally about 90 degrees.

The rainfall of the week has been normal or above in most sections. It has been deficient, however, in the extreme southeastern corner, and in parts of the western portion of the state.

The past week has been an excellent one for the growth of vegetation in all except a few northwestern counties, where lack of rain has caused considerable damage to small grain and retarded the growth of grass. The heavy rainfall of the last few weeks has been very favorable for small grain. Wheat has improved in condition. Winter wheat has filled well, and while the crop is small, the quality is good; harvesting has commenced in southern counties. Oats have continued to improve, and now promise rather more than an average crop. Corn has grown very rapidly during the week, and cultivation has made good progress in most counties. Considerable corn has been laid by in southern counties free of weeds and in unusually promising condition. Corn in all parts of the state is in exceptionally good condition.

Convicts Liberated. Lincoln Journal: The governor has issued Fourth of July pardons to two convicts, Andrew Jackson of Lancaster county and Ole Anderson of Brown county. The law permits the governor to pardon two convicts on the Fourth of July. In this case the pardons are really commutations of sentence with civil rights restored.

Andrew Jackson is a colored man who was serving a sentence of thirty years for murder. He was received at the penitentiary November 17, 1889. He was first in for burglary, but while serving time killed a fellow convict. He was with a force of men working in the penitentiary foundry and while thus engaged a fellow workman intentionally or accidentally poured some melted metal in his shoe. Jackson struck the fellow on the head with an iron tool he had in his hand and the blow caused death. For several years Jackson was insane or feigned insanity and was kept in a cell under the hospital. On several occasions he was severely punished by wardens, being confined in the dark hole and otherwise punished for unruly conduct. Warden Leidigh cowed him and practically made him confess that he had feigned insanity. After that Warden Leidigh had no further trouble with him.

Ole Anderson was received at the penitentiary February 20, 1889. He was convicted of murdering his wife and was sentenced for life. His wife got after him with a broomstick and while in a passion he killed her. His sentence was commuted to fifteen years, one month and eight days. From this is deducted good time amounting to fifty-five months and thirteen days. Jackson's sentence was commuted to seventeen years, five months and eleven days, from which good time is also deducted. Both convicts will be liberated today.

Marks and Brands. The new brands and marks committee is receiving applications from stockmen, says the State Journal. Three applications were on file yesterday, the second one being the application of one of the committeemen, S. P. DeLaTour of Lewellen. The first firm to file an application was the Milldale Farm and Live Stock Improvement company of Council Bluffs, which has large holdings in Nebraska. The brand is a combination of the characters, "7 H L." L. H. Jewett of Broken Bow has filed an application for permission to use the letter "L" on the left shoulder and a square crop out of the left ear.

The brands committee has decided to charge a fee of \$1.50 for each mark and the same for each brand. Some stockmen use both a mark and brand and in such cases they will be required to pay the fee for each. This construction of the law is based upon the following section: Section 3. The secretary of state shall as soon as practicable after the passage of this act procure a suitable book or books in which all brands and marks shall be recorded. Each person desiring to have his brand and mark recorded, as hereinafter provided, shall pay into the office of the secretary of state a fee of \$1.50 for recording such brand or mark; 20 per cent of all of such fees so paid into said office shall be paid to each member of said state brand and mark committee as a compensation for their services, and 20 per cent of said fees shall constitute a fund out of which to defray the expenses of the secretary of state incidental to the discharge of his duties as a member of said committee.

One member of the committee who is a practical stockman estimates that there will be 10,000 brands filed. Not counting the double fees that will be paid, this would bring in \$5,000 to each member of the committee.

As a result of a fight at Sargeant with B. P. Gahn, A. B. Comstock lies at his home in a precarious condition. Gahn struck him on the left side of the head with a plow hammer, breaking the skull for an inch and a half, with a fracture running downward the length of two and a half inches.

Supplies for State Institutions.

The state board of purchase and supplies has awarded contracts for the supplies for the state institutions for the quarter ending September 30, as follows:

Feeble Minded Youth, Beatrice—Meat, Cudahy Packing company; bread, S. J. Pearsall; coal, Victor White; groceries, Cook & Scott. Industrial School, Kearney—Groceries, Raymond Bros.; flour, Chauncey Abbott; oil and gasoline, Wallace Bierce; leather, Lincoln Leather company; dry goods, C. B. Finch. Girls' Industrial School, Geneva—Meat, Cudahy Packing company.

Nebraska Industrial Home, Millford—Groceries, Kenagy & Kinsinger; meat, Cudahy Packing company; coal, C. J. Miles, and Victor White. Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Grand Island—Four, Hastings Milling company; burial cases, W. R. Stevens; drugs, Tucker & Farnsworth; meat, Cudahy Packing company; coal, Victor White; fancy groceries, Hargreaves Bros.; staple groceries, Raymond Bros.; dry goods and shoes, S. N. Wolbach; clothing, Worestenholm & Stein; clothing, Gus M. Friend.

State Penitentiary, Lincoln—Staple groceries, Hargreaves Bros.; hardware, Hall Bros.; flour, Zwonechek & Aksamit; fancy groceries, Raymond Bros.; meats, Cudahy Packing company; drugs, B. O. Kostka; coal, Whitebreast Coal company; dry goods, Herpolsheimer & Co.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Millford—Fancy groceries, C. L. Laune; staple groceries, C. L. Laune; meats, Henry Pfeiff; coal, Victor White; clothing, Globe Clothing company; shoes, Mayer Bros.

Asylum for Chronic Insane, Hastings—Coal, Victor White; flour, Hastings Milling company; drugs, A. H. Farrens; staple groceries, Charles H. Kipp; fancy groceries, Raymond Bros.; dry goods, William Bruch.

Home for the Friendless, Lincoln—Fancy and staple groceries, J. W. Smith; hardware, Rudge & Morris; coal, coffee, Gleason; stock feed, E. A. Pegler; coal, Whitebreast Coal company; drugs, Harley; ice, Lincoln Ice company; plumbing, Kormeyer; bread, C. A. True; meat, Gettler; dry goods, Herpolsheimer.

Insane Asylum, Lincoln—Coal, Whitebreast Coal company; flour and bran, Elevator Roller mills; staple groceries, Raymond Bros.; meat, Cudahy Packing company; drugs, B. O. Kostka; fancy groceries, Hargreaves Bros.; dry goods, Herpolsheimer & Co.; clothing, Globe Clothing company.

Insane Asylum, Norfolk—Groceries, staple and fancy, Raymond Bros.; crockery, W. R. Hoffman; flour, C. D. Bridge; drugs, George B. Christoff; coal for range, C. W. Braasch; coal for steam, Glen Rock Coal company; dry goods, Bauman Bros.

Body Sent to David City.

St. Joseph (Mo.) dispatch: The body of Frank Bastl, who was killed by a Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs train in the St. Joseph yards Sunday night, was sent yesterday morning to David City, Neb., his destination, and where he has relatives. Telegrams were received late last night from the Central Nebraska National bank at David City directing that the body be sent there.

The mother and brother of Bastl live near David City and they were notified of his death as soon as the telegram was received there by the bank. It is presumed that Bastl used to live at David City.

The first telegram received from the bank said that Bastl was known there and directed that the body be held until further orders were sent. Later a telegram was received by Undertaker Heaton directing him to send the mangled body of the unfortunate man on the first train. It was forwarded on the Burlington & Missouri River train, leaving here at 12:05 o'clock this morning.

Nothing more has been learned about the dead man, except that he was on his way from Carlisle, Ark., to David City, Neb. He was alone and it was with considerable difficulty that his identity was established from the papers found on his person.

Narrowly Averts a Wreck.

Ainsworth dispatch: What might have been a serious wreck here this afternoon was happily averted by the presence of mind of the engineer of No. 27, westbound. As the train pulled out of the yards a span of horses got in front of the engine and ran swiftly down the track. A few yards ahead was bridge 429, spanning Bone creek, about sixty feet in length. The horses, instead of leaving the track, made straight for the bridge. One crossed in safety, but the other making a mistake, fell between the ties.

The engine was barely stopped within a few feet of the bridge. The animal struggled to its feet and toppled over and down the creek, some fifteen feet, breaking its back on the cross beams. In its struggles it plunged into the creek, from which it was hauled before drowning only to die a few moments later. The passengers and some of the crew left the train at first alarm, but the engineer pluckily stayed at his post and saved perhaps a most damaging wreck.

Nebraska in Brief.

North Platte is astrif over the equipment of Mrs. H. F. Doebke, wife of a prominent grain dealer, with William Gaufr, the hired man. They went to Denver and were arrested by the police there. The woman left a good home and eleven children. There was no domestic trouble. Gaufr was a tourist in the employ of Doebke eight months. The couple will be brought back.

Department Commander John Evans of North Platte has appointed William Elder of North Platte as quartermaster and formally announced the appointment of W. A. Barger as assistant adjutant general, Grand Army of the Republic, for the department of Nebraska.

Crop conditions in Cuming county, everything considered, were never better than at present at this time of the year. Corn is a trifle backward and some fields are weedy, but the color was never better and it is growing finely, while small grain and garden stuff is attaining a mammoth growth.

The News Briefly Told.

Saturday. Advices from Dawson say that the steamer Robert Kerr left there June 30, with over \$3,000,000 worth of gold dust for St. Michaels.

Lieutenant Lawson N. Fuller, ordnance bureau, U. S. A., has been ordered to the Philippines as chief ordnance officer in the field of the army operating there.

George W. Julian, the famous abolitionist, died at his home in Irvington, Indiana. He served several terms in congress. In May, 1885, he served as surveyor general of New Mexico.

Four new cases of yellow fever, all in the city of Santiago, were officially reported. Two deaths were reported. No official report was received from Boniato camp, but it is known that the situation there is serious.

Admiral Cervera and the other commanders of the Spanish fleet destroyed in the battle of Santiago, whose conduct has been the subject of inquiry by special court-martial, were acquitted and formally liberated.

Word comes from Dawson that parties arriving there from Edmonton report a sad state of affairs on the Wind river, a branch of the Pelee. About seventy-five prospectors were wintering there, and their camp was invaded by scurvy.

The convention at San Francisco of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Stations the section on botany and horticulture have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, S. A. Beach, of New York; secretary, P. H. Rolfs of Florida.

The president brought before the cabinet the plan for officering the provisional army. The decision to appoint the colonels and lieutenant colonels of the volunteers from among the regular army officers who served during the Spanish war and the volunteer officers from among those who served in the volunteer army with credit or distinction, was heartily approved by the members of the cabinet.

Friday. The English government announces that it will contribute £45,000 to the Antarctic expedition fund. Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balances, \$279,608,571; gold reserve, \$242,108,463. The Venezuelan arbitration commission resumed its session in Paris. Sir Richard Webster, the British attorney general, continued his argument in behalf of the case of Great Britain.

Consul General Osborn in a letter to Senator Thurston under date of June 10, from Apia, Samoa, states that Mrs. Osborn and his son will be compelled to return to the United States on account of ill health, the climate being very severe on white women.

The War department has granted the request of the governor of Texas for aid for flood sufferers. Such government boats as are available will be placed at the disposition of the governor and the rations asked for will be issued at once.

A general meeting of western stove manufacturers was held in Chicago behind closed doors. President Stanhope Boal of the national association, who presided, said the general advance in the raw materials used in the construction of stoves was discussed and the western manufacturers agreed to an advance of 5 per cent, to take effect immediately on all stoves and ranges.

In an attempt to save her child from death Mrs. Frank Lausman of Chicago and her 4-year-old daughter Hazel were fatally injured by being struck by an Illinois suburban train. Mrs. Lausman jumped directly in front of the engine and clapped the child in her arms, but before she had a chance to escape the two were hit by the swiftly moving train and hurled thirty feet from the tracks.

The Brooklyn Eagle received a letter from Governor Roosevelt today, accompanied by a check for \$25, for the Dewey fund. In his letter the governor says: "I enclose you a check as a slight token of my appreciation of your efforts to get some memorial and to give recognition in whatever shape the admiral himself deems best to services to the country which have justly rendered him the man of all since the civil war who stands highest in popular regard."

Thursday. The state of Georgia has begun a war on the oil trust. Cecil Rhodes says he is not in favor of force against the Transvaal. The proposed strike at the Homestead plant has been abandoned.

Richard Stahl, musical director of Daly's theater, died suddenly from heart disease at his home in New York. He became ill while in Chicago with "The Rutaway Girl" company upon the receipt of the news of Mr. Daly's death.

In order to make more effective the quarantine against the introduction of yellow fever from Vera Cruz and other infected Mexican cities the surgeon general of the marine hospital service has located Assistant Surgeon L. E. Cofer at the city of Mexico. He is instructed to keep watch upon the railway travel to the United States, to give certificates to passengers and to superintend disinfection when necessary.

Captain Brereton of the Twenty-fourth Infantry, who distinguished himself during the Santiago campaign, is to be appointed to the colonely of one of the volunteer regiments.

The news from The Hague announcing the unanimous vote of the peace conference in favor of holding a special conference hereafter to discuss the freedom from seizure of private property at sea in time of war is a source of great satisfaction to the administration. The American delegates had more interest in this question than any other, perhaps, before the conference.

At an assemblage of noted men a year or two ago, a lawyer who conducts the legal business of a great railway system tried to "guy the parson" in the person of the late Bishop Williams, of Connecticut, by malicious quizzing. At last he said: "Why don't you get these railway managers to give you a pass over their roads, bishop? You can pay for it by giving them entrance tickets into heaven." "Oh, no," gently replied the bishop; "I would not part them so far from their counsel in the other world."

The man who does no harm in the world does but little good.

The women are wearing trains that are big enough to step on, but not big enough to see.

Last week the United States patent office issued 413 patents to inventors of the United States, and of this number 122 sold a part or their entire rights in their various patents before the same were issued. This would show that over 25 per cent of the inventors were successful in disposing of the whole or a part of their inventions. Amongst the large concerns who bought these patents were the following:

Avery Stamping Co., Cleveland, O. Open Arc Electric Co., New York City. Bick & Hoffman Co., Marcedon, N. Y. Blasius Table Slide Co., Watertown, Wis. Stirling Co., Chicago, Ill. Foster Engineering Co., Newark, N. J.

Reeves & Co., Columbus, Ind. Bankers Electric Co., Chicago, Ill. Hoe Printing Press Co., New York City. American Graphophone Co., West Virginia. Electric Signal Co., West Virginia. Universal Loom Co., New York, and many others. For information in regard to patents address Sues & Co., Registered Patent Lawyers, Bee building, Omaha, Neb.

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Franklin county, Pa., has a new religious sect called the Fire Baptized Association. To obtain extreme sanctification the members are pledged to go through fire if necessary. They are also to keep away from buildings of public worship on the ground that churches of the period are temples of idolatry; that money expended in erecting them could be better expended in helping the poor. The new sect professes holding their meetings in barns or along the roadside—blizzard seasons excepted.

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